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NAB employee arrested for sexually harassing mentally-challenged girl

Nashik, An employee of National Association for Blind (NAB), arrested for allegedly sexually harassing a mentally challenged teenage girl, has been remanded to police custody until October 31 by a local court. Accused Balu Dhanvate, who was working at main office of National Association of Blind (NAB) in Satpur area of city, was arrested on late Friday night after the 14-year-old girl, who used to reside in the hostel of NAB, informed her parents during their visit that Dhavnate tried to abuse her about four days ago and even sexually harassed her. The parents narrated about incident to a trustee of NAB and then the girl lodged a complaint to the trustee against the accused using the rail language.

Statue of Unity will be a symbol of unity of hearts & India's geographical unity, says PM

New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that the 'Statue of Unity' is a symbol of both the unity of "hearts and the geographical integrity" India and would underline the importance of the unity in diversity.

"The Statue of Unity is a symbol of both the unity of hearts and the geographical integrity of our motherland. It is a reminder that divided, we may not be even able to face ourselves.

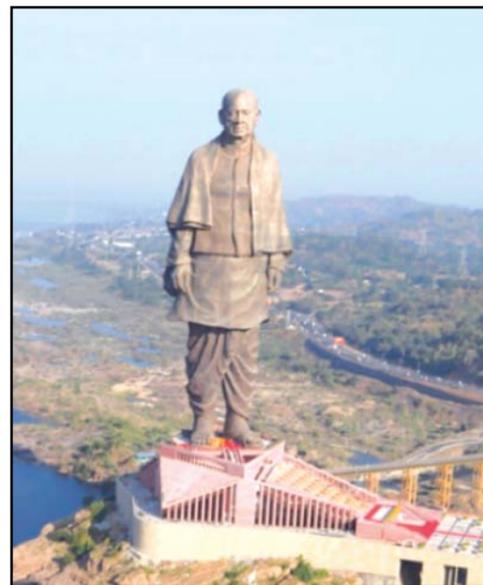
United, we can face the world and scale new heights of growth and glory of our motherland," Mr Modi wrote in an article, paying tributes to country's first Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

"It is a reminder that divided, we may not be even able to face ourselves. United, we can face the world and scale new heights of growth and glory," Mr Modi said.

The Prime Minister further wrote: "Sardar Patel worked with astonishing speed to dismantle the history of imperialism and create the geography of unity with the spirit of nationalism. He saved India from Balkanisation and integrated even the weakest of limbs into the national framework".

Mr Modi said, "Today, we, the 130 crore Indians are working shoulder to shoulder to build a New India that is strong, prosperous and inclusive. Every decision is being taken

to ensure that the fruits of development reach the most vulnerable, without any corruption or favouritism, just as Patel would have



wanted it".

Paying tributes to Sardar Patel's multiple facets, Mr Modi said: "The roots of Amul can be traced back to his vision for empowering local communities, particularly women.

It was Patel who also popularised the idea of cooperative housing societies, thus ensuring dignity and shelter for many".

Benefits of various schemes being taken to minority communities:

Fadnavis

Nagpur, Chief Minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis on Saturday said



fruits

of various schemes are being taken to the doors of minority communities and his government is committed to their well being. Youths belonging to minority communities are being encouraged for education and apart from education, benefits of various schemes are reaching youths of minority (Cont.. Pg-7)

BJP demands Rahul's apology for Tharoor's 'scorpion' analogy against PM Modi

New Delhi, The BJP on Sunday hit out at Congress

leader Shashi Tharoor for making the



'scorpion' comparison with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and

said Congress President Rahul Gandhi should immediately issue a

clarification or tender an apology. "You call yourself Shiv Bhakt,

but your subordinate colleague has spoken about throwing chappal

on Shivlinga. Is this not an insult of Lord Shiva", senior BJP (Cont.. Pg-7)

India Mobile Congress 2018 Discusses Digital Ecosystem, Encompassing 5G, IoT, AI & Smart Cities

Richa Vani

Oct25-27th saw India Mobile Congress (IMC), the mega technology event of the year hosted at Aerocity, Delhi. The theme, "Connecting the Next Billion" brought together Mobile, internet, and technology companies on one platform, under the event hosted discussions on the current and future digital ecosystem, encompassing 5G, Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI),

Smart Cities and Start-ups within technology and allied industry sectors.

Airtel

Airtel showcased multiple



use cases of the 5G and connected ecosystem. The telecom company displayed

how a connected car uses the latest communication technologies

for controlling the vehicle and simultaneously monitoring it remotely. These cars will also offer connectivity to nearby emergency service agencies like police, fire, ambulances, and hospitals. The In-Vehicle Monitoring System will allow users to track the location of a / their car, get advanced security features with an improved

infotainment system.

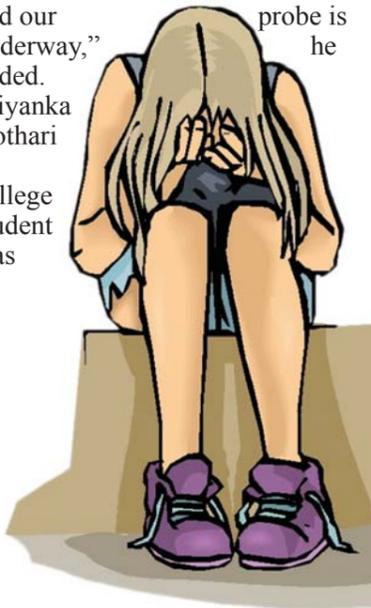
Reliance Jio

Jio announced 5G services with affordable devices for mass adoption will be available in the Indian market by 2021. According to Reliance Jio President Mathew Oommen; 5G will reshape every single industry. In association with the Swedish telecom gear maker Ericsson, Jio, also showcased a demonstration of (Cont.. Pg-2)

Teen girl commits suicide

Mumbai, A 16-year-old girl today allegedly committed suicide by jumping from a high rise building in Tardeo area of central Mumbai the police said. "The girl jumped off from thirteenth floor of the building, following which some people alerted the police. She was then taken to civic-run Nair Hospital, where she was declared dead on arrival," a police official said. "The body of he girl was handed over to her parents after the post-mortem was performed in Nair hospital. The motive behind the suicide is still unclear and our probe is underway," he added.

Priyanka Kothari a college student was



residing in Imperial Tower in Tardeo. The neighbors said that girl seemed fine and they are not aware as why she has taken this extreme step.

Pune court rejects bail pleas of three activists in connection of Bhima-Koregaon riots case

Pune, A sessions court here on Friday rejected the bail application of three activists -Arun Ferreira, Vernon Gonsalves and Sudha Bharadwaj, who are now under house arrest in connection of

Bhima-Koregaon riots case.

All the three activists, accused of being associated with Naxalite activities, were placed under house arrest after a recent Supreme Court order. "Now, with their bail

application being rejected today, the city police can arrest them any



time," said a senior police official.

The Supreme Court had recently passed an interim order for house arrest of the five activists — Varavara Rao, Arun Ferreira, Vernon Gonsalves, Sudha Bharadwaj and Gautam Navlakha — for four weeks, whose term expired today.

They were detained on August 28 from various cities including Mumbai, Delhi, Haryana, Ranchi, Goa and Hyderabad for their alleged involvement in the case.

Plot to bring emergency through back door: NCP

Kolhapur, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) senior leader Ajit Pawar has alleged that the central government is plotting to bring emergency in the country through back door following various incidents occurring during last few days. Addressing a 'Youth Elgar' Parishad at Shahu Sanskrutik Bhavan in Shahu

market yard on Saturday, organized by NCP youth wing, to garner youngsters support for the Lok Sabha elections, Mr Pawar said that there seemed to a plot to bring emergency in the country through back door following different incidents in the country including sacking CBI director Alok Varma

during midnight without any explanation. Mr Pawar said that the state government has reduced the

height of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's statue in Mumbai sea. He said the Bhartiya Janata party leaders had given false assurances in their election campaign, which the government could not fulfill so far.



Hasan Mushrif, former minister, AY Patil, district NCP president, Dhananjay Mahadik MP, Rajendra Patil-Yadravkar, RK Pawar, city NCP president, Ms Nivedita Mane, former MP and other leaders and large number of youth workers from the district, were present at the meeting.

Two leopards run over within 24 hrs in Gujarat

Valsad/Junagadh, A young leopard was run over by an unknown vehicle on Valsad-Mumbai Highway late Wednesday night, second such incident



within 24 hours in Gujarat. On Wednesday morning, a feline was found dead in a similar manner on Junagadh-Somnath Highway near Vanthali in Junagadh district. Police said that the carcass was found between Atul and Pardi on the NH-48 in Valsad district on Wednesday night.

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the connected driverless car using 5G technology. The car was being controlled and operated from IIT Delhi, around 10 kms away from the venue, in Aerocity. It demonstrated low latency and efficiency of the 5G network with its ability to provide information seamlessly in real time situation.

Nokia

Nokia displayed three tiny robots balancing a tray between them. The tray emulated the difference between 4G and 5G speeds. The mobile manufacturer also showcased

5G virtual reality gaming and how it can transform the gaming industry as a whole.

Smartpur

Nokia and Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF) India set up 'Smartpur', to bring the most basic and essential, yet unavailable technology to rural areas. The set up was inside a bamboo hut displaying healthcare, finance, entertainment, lifeskills, governance, and education related technology in remote areas.

•Healthcare – This medical equipment connected via internet read and

recorded a patient's vitals with just basic training,

•Entertainment – was a simple setup of a projector and a screen for display,

•Lifeskills – A groundbreaking initiative to provide a platform for local weavers and artisans

•Governance – This service will help people know about government plans and get key documents like driver's license and passport via their portal

• Education – This service provides textbooks, games, and flashcards, aimed at educating both children and adults

Vodafone Idea

Vodafone Idea Limited in association with Coca-Cola India introduced Connected Coolers. This device deploys Vodafone SuperIoT which allows end-to-end management of device, application, connectivity, service platform, support, and security for the Coca-Cola fleet delivering a unified experience. Vodafone Idea Limited also announced their partnership with Maruti Suzuki to provide managed connectivity, end-to-end security, and API integration to the range of all Nexa cars.

President recalls contributions of Arya Samaj founder Dayanand Saraswati

New Delhi, Paying tribute to the founder of Arya Samaj, President Ram Nath Kovind on Thursday said that in the

had worked for eradication of discrimination in society on the basis of caste, creed and sect and motivated

Samaj will be observed in 2025.

Describing Dayanand Saraswati as “an intrepid warrior of social and spiritual reform”, he said he took effective measures for educational and social reform especially for women empowerment and eradication of untouchability.

“His work is relevant even in the present times both for Indian society and the entire world,” he observed.

The President was happy to note that the Mahasammelan will discuss issues such as prevention of superstition, modernisation, women empowerment, tribal welfare, and management of natural calamities.

He expressed hope that the Arya Samaj will also work to promote the use of solar and other alternative sources of energy to contribute towards environmental protection.



19th century “when we were considering our culture and beliefs inferior to western culture, Swami Dayanand Saraswati showed us the path of renaissance and self-pride”.

Inaugurating the International Arya Mahasammelan here, he said Dayanand Saraswati

everyone to become ‘Arya’, which is, ‘the best’.

“It is our duty to take the work of Swami Dayanand Saraswati further,” he added.

The nation will celebrate in 2024 the 200th birth anniversary of Dayanand Saraswati while the 150th anniversary of the Arya

Cabinet approves MoU among BRICS nations on cooperation in social, labour sphere

New Delhi, The Union Cabinet on Wednesday gave its ex-post facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) among Brazil, Russian Federation, India, China, South Africa, regarding Cooperation in the Social and Labour Sphere.

The MoU was signed on August 3, 2018 during BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers (LEM) Meeting.

In the MoU, the parties including India have agreed to cooperate and hold mutual events in the prominent areas viz labour legislation and enforcement, protection of workers’ rights with focus on vulnerable groups, Employment and labour market policies, Professional education, skills and training and Social protection, Union Electronics and IT Minister

Ravi Shankar Prasad told media after the Cabinet meet.

The member countries may utilise the BRICS Network of Labour Research Institutes and BRICS Social Security Cooperation Framework for cooperation on Social Security and other labour issues. The Memorandum is not an International Treaty and does not create rights and obligations for the parties governed by international law.

The MoU provides a mechanism for cooperation, collaboration and maximum synergy amongst BRICS member countries with the common objective of inclusive growth and shared prosperity in the new industrial revolution.

This would facilitate member

countries to share knowledge and also implement joint programmes on matter of Labour and Employment, Social Security and Social dialogue. This would also ensure networking of international Training Centre of International Labour Organisation (ILO) with the BRICS Network of Labour Institutes which includes VV Giri National Labour Institute of India.

Mr Prasad said this network would specifically focus on the theme of youth employment and research on new forms of employment. This network will also explore new learning technologies, including virtual network to deepen cooperation, exchange of information and capacity building.



Wherever there will be talk of world peace India's contribution will be written in golden letters: PM

Speaking on the latest edition of his ‘Mann Ki baat’ radio programme, the PM said, “wherever there will be a talk of world peace, India’s name and contribution will be written in golden letters. For India, November 11 this year has a special significance because on November 11, a hundred years back the World War I had ended. Ending of that war is completing one hundred years meaning thereby that a century of ending of the vast devastation and human loss would also get completed. For India, World War I was an important event. Rightly speaking we had no direct connection with that war. Despite this, our soldiers fought bravely and played a very big role and made the supreme sacrifice. Indian soldiers showed it to the world that they are second to none if it comes to war. Our soldiers have displayed great valour in difficult areas and adverse conditions. There has

just been a single objective behind it- Restoration of peace.” The PM said that the huge destruction during the war made the whole world realize and understand the importance of peace. “The world witnessed a dance of death and devastation during the World War I. According to estimates, around one crore soldiers and almost the same number of civilians lost their lives. This made the whole world realize and understand the importance of peace?” the PM said.

He said that the definition of peace has changed in the last hundred years. “Today, peace does not only mean ‘no war’. There is a need to work unitedly to address issues such as terrorism, climate change, economic development to social justice through universal cooperation and co-ordination. Development of the poorest of the poor is the real indicator of peace,” he said.

Nitish condoles death of former Delhi CM Madan Lal Khurana

Patna, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar today expressed his deep sorrow over the demise of former Delhi CM Madan Lal Khurana. Mr Kumar in his condolence message said that the country lost a great personality due to the death of Mr Khurana. He said that Mr Khurana as Delhi CM had performed his duties efficiently. Mr Khurana had always emphasised on the need for strengthening parliamentary democracy while discharging his constitutional responsibilities as governor of Rajasthan, he added. Chief Minister said that Mr Khurana’s death caused a great void in political and social fields praying for eternal peace to the departed soul and adequate strength to his family members and admirers to withstand the loss. As it is, Mr Khurana was not keeping good health for a long time and died in New Delhi yesterday. He was 82.

Syria summit ends with call for UN backed resolution

Ankara, The leaders of Turkey, Russia, France, and Germany have reiterated calls for a UN-backed political process to end the war in Syria that has killed thousands of people. "The meeting demonstrated there is common determination to solve the problem. A joint solution can be achieved, not through military means, but only through political effort under the UN aegis," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said after a summit in Istanbul on Saturday. Along with Merkel, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and French President Emmanuel Macron gathered for the talks in search of an end to the seven-year civil war in the Middle East country. Following the summit, the four leaders issued a statement calling for the convening of a committee by the end of the year to work on constitutional reform as a prelude to free and fair elections in Syria. "We

need transparent elections that will be held under supervision of international observers. Refugees should take part in this process as well," rfe/rl said quoting Merkel. Macron said a "constitutional committee needs to be established and should hold its first meeting by the end of year. This is what we all want." "Creating it will become a part of the political settlement in Syria," Macron said. The summit's final communique also supported efforts to facilitate the "safe and voluntary" return of refugees to their Syrian homes. The final statement rejected "separatist agendas aimed at undermining the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria as well as the national security of neighboring countries." Many obstacles to a peace agreement remain. They include divided opinions about Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, who is backed by Russia and Iran.

Karvan-e-Aman bus leaves for PoK

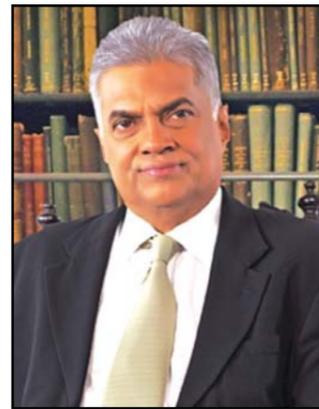
Srinagar, The Karvan-e-Aman bus, operating between Srinagar and Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) left here on Monday morning to cross over to other side of the Line of Control (LoC), official sources said. They said the bus left Bemina at 0740 hrs with 17 passengers, which included a Kashmir resident who is travelling to PoK to meet his relatives separated in 1947 partition. The bus has since reached Trade Facilitation Centre (TFC) at Uri in north Kashmir district of Baramulla, where more passengers will board it before crossing over to other side at Kaman post, the last Indian military post on this side of the LoC.

The exact number of passengers travelling to other side will only be known in the afternoon, they said, adding that similarly people coming from PoK will also be known in the evening. The number of passengers from PoK drops when temperature goes down during winter but increases in summer when weather gets pleasant. Similarly, the number of people visiting from here to PoK goes up in winter and drops in summer. The cross-LoC bus, introduced on April 7, 2005, has helped thousands of families divided during partition to meet each other. However, only state subjects from both sides are allowed to travel in the bus on "Travel Permits" instead of International passport provided their names are cleared intelligence agencies from India and Pakistan.

Sri Lankan parliament Speaker holds Wickremesinghe as 'rightful' PM

Colombo, Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker of 225-member Sri Lankan parliament on Sunday said that the recently sacked Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe has the right to retain the security and privileges of Prime Minister until another candidate could prove a majority in parliament. The deposed Prime Minister Wickremesinghe countered the moves to evict him from his official residence, claiming his removal is not lawful, media reports said. A deadline of Sunday was set for vacating Temple Trees, the official residence

Sri Lankan prime minister. However, Wickremesinghe



stayed back and requested for keeping his administrative privileges intact. In the same

regards, Jayasuriya penned a letter to President Maithripala Sirisena, the lines of which read as "I consider the said request to be a democratic and fair request."

The statement of the speaker comes amidst the political upheaval which has shaken the present government of Sri Lanka.

Earlier on Saturday, President Sirisena had evicted Ranil Wickremesinghe from prime ministerial post and issued directive for positioning the sixth President of Sri Lanka Mahinda Rajapaksa as new public face of Sri Lankan Prime Minister.

188 feared dead as lion air passenger plane crashes into the sea



Jakarta, Indonesia's Lion air passenger plane which took off from Jakarta to the city of Pangkal Pinang at around 6.20 am is believed to have sunk after it crashed into the sea near Indonesia's island. As per initial reports the plane with 188 people on board are feared dead as the plane lost contact soon after it took off from the Indonesian capital.

"It has been confirmed that it has crashed", Yusuf Latif, a spokesman for the Indonesian rescue agency said.

Debris thought to be from the plane, including aircraft seats, was found near an offshore refining facility, RTE reported quoting

an official from the state energy firm Pertamina.

Flight tracking service, Flightradar24 also tweeted about the missing plane saying, "We're following reports that contact has been lost with Lion Air flight #JT610 shortly after takeoff from Jakarta."

Local media reports said that the preliminary flight data shows a drop in the plane's altitude and increase in speed before the transmission was cut. The plane appears to have plunged into the sea just off the coast of Indonesia, the data provided by the service shows. It was reportedly at an altitude of 3,650 feet (about 1,112m) when the

signal was lost. A search and rescue has been launched.

Lion Air has made no official statement so far.

Flight JT610 is operated by a Boeing-737 Max 8, capable of seating up to 210 passengers. The accident is the first to be reported that involves the widely-sold Boeing 737 MAX, an updated, more fuel-efficient version of the manufacturer's workhorse single-aisle jet. The first Boeing 737 MAX jets were introduced into service in 2017.

"Boeing is aware of reports of an airplane accident and is closely monitoring the situation" Boeing Airplanes said in a tweet.

Indian Construction Equipment sector grew 24% in FY18: Study

Kolkata, The demand for Indian Construction Equipment (ICE) grew by 24 per cent in FY 2017-18, up from 13 per cent in FY 2015-16, and the sector crossed 90,000 units for the first time due to increase in infrastructure expenditure, according to an ASSOCHAM-Feedback consulting joint study. The Indian Construction Equipment industry grew despite the hiccups of emission and GST during April and July 2017, respectively. Demonetisation also had a negligible effect on the industry growth,

conducted by The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) jointly with consulting firm Feedback.

The government, which is a major demand driver, also plays a facilitator's role through policy and regulations. It is the largest end customer accounting for nearly two thirds of the demand for ICE products and hence has a very significant impact on the industry. Also, its role in setting policy and regulation has a further impact on the industry.

Be it GST or 'Construction, Earthmoving, Material Handling, Mining (CEMM) Act' or the RERA Act for the Real Estate sector or the sand mining policy or the 'concrete site mix usage, land acquisition guidelines', the ICE industry looks to the Government to act as an enabler. Its policy for facilitating export growth helps the ICE manufacturers reach out to existing and new markets, adds the study. The study also highlighted that highway construction (Roads) has been one of the key drivers for

equipment growth. Earthmoving & Mining equipments are largely used for initial land clearing for Road construction.

Similarly, Concrete equipment witnessed a growth, Railways and Metro. Material Handling Equipment (MHE) growth was from a mix of Road & Railways, Metro segment. Material processing was largely led by the Quarry segment, which supplies aggregates to Road Construction, Railways, Irrigation sector and Real estate, noted the joint study.

Are dating apps helping find prince charming?

New Delhi, Rise of online dating options has given a new ray of hope to users of varied sexualities, age groups, races, physical disabilities, and nationalities by willing to go the unconventional way of looking for love.

Now no one needs to lose a glass slipper in order to find his or her prince or princess charming. The millennials are rewriting their fairy tales in the 21st century with dating applications as their fairy godmother.

People are just not treating such digital platforms as a casual hook up a place but are taking it as an opportunity to help them reinvent as a person and their relationships. As a result, now, there is no end of apps with the same aim of helping users fall in love and live happily ever after or at least find someone to hang out with for the next weekend. This festival season, here we take the biggest alternatives of dating applications which you can use to find your someone special.

New in the market, Banter app is rewriting fairy tales for the digital dating era. The application is driven by women. Basically, the lady decides what she wants. The key difference banter withholds is that it screens people during the registration via Facebook making it mandatory for the users to upload their valid identification for enrolling as a premium club member. This outcast the fake and multiple profile registrations which are very prevalent across the existing apps and thereby eliminate any misuse of the feature on Banter. The second app is Tinder – a one of the most famous dating applications used. Its unique selling proposition is its algorithm which connects you with a person in less than one minute. With some stunning features like mutual friends, the super-like

option, etc. the platform of Tinder seems to be rather social. On the other hand, the varied options that the app offers in a bid to give you a perfectly personalised dating experience, are what sets it apart. Users can also manage their search results on the basis of factors such as age, or distance. The another app is India's own dating app- Truly Madly. It goes beyond the parameters of distance and age and helps one find matches on the basis of interests and other preferences. Users cannot only keep their images safe with a unique feature on this app but can also ask friends to endorse them for a better trust score, which will eventually lead to a higher number of conversations with their matches. The app encourages users to play certain interesting games with their matches, such as Styletastic, Foodie Funda, Hocus Pocus in order to help them get to know each other in a better and more interesting manner. Fourth app is- Happn, a location-based social search mobile app born in Paris, which allows users to like or dislike other users and allows them to chat if both parties liked each other. The application gives an everyday superpower, the power to find people who have crossed paths with and want to get in touch with them. Every time a user crosses paths with another Happn member in real life, their profile shows up on their timeline. On every profile, the user can see the number of times they have encountered with the same person. And, if in case the user doesn't want to see a person anymore on the application they just have to click on the cross button. OKCupid, application allows you to find probable matches based on users preferences of sexual orientation. The algorithm used by the app is essentially based on the distance between two people. While, that might not sound impressive enough but the user can surely create an interesting enough profile summary to attract better matches. The sixth app is Bumble, which will help find matches, more or less in the same way as Tinder. In order for two people to be connected through the app, both of them need to swipe right. That being done, the power of kick-starting a conversation lies in the hands of the female.



Sensex falls by 143.34 pts

Mumbai, The benchmark index of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on Friday tumbled by 143.34 points to 33,546.76 as heavy selling was witnessed in Materials,



Finance, IT, Utilities, Power and Technology stocks amid negative Asian market.

The Nifty too lost by 47.40 points to 10,077.50. Though, the Sensex opened higher by 86 points to 33,776.80, later, it fell by nearly 358 points to 33,332.10 in intra day trade. The Nifty registered day high and low at 10,122.35 and 10,004.55 respectively. The losers were Yes Bank by 5.80 pc to Rs 186.05, Axis Bank by 2.61 pc to Rs 545.40, Infosys by 2.19 pc to Rs 635.05 and Asian Paints by 2.02 pc to Rs 1176.40.



Rupee up by 12 paise against USD

Mumbai, The Rupee on Monday moved up by 12 paise to 73.34 in opening trade on fresh selling of US Dollars by bankers and exporters, dealers at Forex Market said. The local unit moved up on weak Dollar against other world currencies, amid smart opening in stock market in early trade, the dealers informed. A major fluctuation was seen during an intra day trade as it registered day high and low at 73.42 and 73.31 respectively, they added.

The Esthetics Clinics gets DCGI approval for clinical trials

Kolkata, In a first, the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) has given approval to a chain of dermatology and plastic surgery centres— The Esthetic Clinics, for conducting clinical trials and drug development for skin, hair and other plastic surgery medications, cosmetology and cosmetic surgery devices in India.

The initiative will help in the faster launch of newer, more innovative, cosmetic, dermatology and plastic surgery products, while reducing cost involved in product testing.

It will benefit Indian pharmaceutical companies by granting them access to quality research facilities, clinicians and laboratories in India, without having to go overseas, to conduct the trials. At present, clinical trials are not mandated for every cosmetic product that enters Indian market provided it is approved in other

markets. There are a few clinical trials that are conducted by clinical research organisations in India, but



they do not have the clinical acumen in cosmetic, plastic or aesthetic segment.

Majority of clinical trial centres work in pharmaceutical drug development, but not for cosmetic and aesthetic solutions. Dr Debraj Shome, renowned Facial Plastic surgeon and Director, The Esthetic Clinics, said, 'Caring for skin and hair is a business where unmet needs still abound and

people around the world are waiting for newer and better solutions. Considering India now has the clinical acumen and the ratification of the DCGI & CDSCO to conduct clinical trials for top quality cosmetic needs, far more newer products and technology will be hitting the Indian market than before. MNCs as well as homegrown companies can easily enter the Indian market at much lower costs, keeping in mind local needs. 'The DCGI under CDSCO is the supreme regulatory authority in India which gives recognition to clinical establishments, hospitals and organisations based on a set of parameters/guidelines to perform clinical research. These guidelines are aimed at protecting patient rights and ensure products fulfill quality standards. Explaining the importance of conducting clinical trials in local population, Dr Rinky

Kapoor, top cosmetic Dermatologist & Director, The Esthetic Clinics, said, 'Many products in cosmetology and aesthetics are launched in India based on clinical trials conducted overseas on Caucasians or black population and not on the Indian population. Indian skin is different and therefore it's response to medicines is different. Hence, it becomes important to do clinical trials in our particular population where the product is going to be launched, instead of performing the same in a completely diverse population.' The Esthetic Clinics have been at the helm of clinical research for close to a decade. The institute has made immense contributions in the field of facial plastic surgery, cosmetic surgery, plastic and reconstructive surgery, cosmetic dermatology, skin care and aesthetic medicine.



IMMAI new panel to focus on AR/VR technology

New Delhi, The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) has formed a new industry expert committee, under its Emerging Technology Council, focused on Augmented and Virtual Reality. The Committee is the latest step in its efforts to evangelise AR/VR technology to drive economic growth, job creation, and skill development in the country. It would also closely work to develop potential sectors like healthcare, tourism, auto, agriculture, education and skill development. The mandate of the Group is to identify opportunities and challenges to help India's AR/VR ecosystem, in partnership with government, industry and startups. The committee is chaired by Namrita Mahindro, Senior General Manager, – Digital Transformation, Mahindra Group and co-chaired by Satyajeet Singh, Head –Strategic Product Partnership, India & South Asia, Facebook. The panel will look after the nurturing India's AR/VR technology and talent ecosystem, in particular by driving Skill Development; engaging with business, industry and government to evangelize acceptance of the technology and help drive training workshops to familiarise potential users with technology

SAD demands immediate withdrawal of class 12 history books

Chandigarh, Oct 24 (UNI) The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Wednesday demanded immediate withdrawal of newly-released chapters of class 12 history books of the Punjab School Education Board (PSEB), saying the Board had not only distorted history, but had also defamed the Sikh Gurus and the religion. In a statement here, former Education Minister Daljit Singh Cheema said the new chapters, which had

been released online, had numerous mistakes and factual errors. "Even more serious is the sinister attempt to distort the historical facts related to the Sikh Gurus and objectionable observations about Sikh dharmik granths. Education Minister OP Soni should be sacked and PSEB Chairman Manohar Kant Kalohia should be removed for these misdemeanours, immediately," he added.

All School syllabi in country should be reduced by fifty percent: Vice President

Hyderabad, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has said that 'all School syllabi in the country should be reduced by fifty percent and Students should learn 50 per cent from their classrooms and 50 per cent from playgrounds'.

Interacting with the Students of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, here on Wednesday the Vice President said that Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan has played a pivotal role in the education scenario of this country since its inception in 1938. He further said that the young students would soon be called upon to be leaders of India's journey towards development. You should prepare yourself; equip yourself starting today, so that you will be ready when called upon to be leaders of a resurgent India, he added. Saying that it is important to learn from books, the Vice President said that it is good to know facts and

understand theories, but it is more important to be able to understand concepts and to gauge their practical applications. It is important to learn to do things, to develop practical and pragmatic

wisdom, Mr Venkaiah said. The Vice President said that whole examinations should be based on measuring the child's capacity simply to question the things around him or her. This will encourage young people to never be content with the

status quo and help to make change a relatively easy process, he said. Mr Naidu urged the young students to never let their marks define or restrict them in any way. You are much more than the numbers on your report card, he added. The Vice President opined that education imparted should be all encompassing, comprehensive and holistic.



EDITORIAL

Diwali - The Real Significance Underplayed

Do We Revel Diwali the Way We Should?

Do we or don't we... is perhaps the perpetual dilemma that rules out the very inkling of celebrating it - for all those who may not have realized the truest delight of it! Even if this may be like a powerful toil of the extraterrestrials, it was all worth it, for the sheer happiness it brings in every year for the humans.

It is far for us to imagine the enigma of purity and resplendence of Diwali, as a tradition, churns out; of course, as the 'beginning of addition' of pleasure year on year, right in advance - with the eagerness of the colossal fiesta and adventure it promises and exceeds. It's a marvelous epitome of folklore that is unique in its own right and thus we satiate our sanities, vanities and taste buds and make it memorable every time. It's far from everything that can be deemed merely superficial - a true embodiment of brightness and excitement. Diwali, as the epically construed definition, is a festival of lights symbolizing ingress of good times, as illumination of bountiful joy and happiness, dispelling darkness and so-called jinxes, demolishing unwarranted, diabolical influences in life and reformation through goodness, or triumph of goodness over evil. Beneath the tradition, there's an innate philosophy of 'compassion of sharing' in the very impression of it, which often goes undercut, in the material, posturing jubilation. "A way of life", beyond just a celebration of a few days, is something we would always want to cherish it to be. Unquestionably, it appears as a wishful stance, to lead a life of idealism - a virtue or, believably, surpassing a purist philosophy that the festival resonates as, for some. Fairly for sure, but characterizing astonishing brightness in life for at least those few days, looms as a predominant intent. At the time in any case, freshness is buoyant all over, and the exuberance to meet folks, strengthen relationships, replenishing ourselves in dazzling ebullience spread all over, fully clad in new attire, stirs up the euphoria beyond measure.

Is Diwali just about crackers and indulging in

sweet and savories? We may often loathe the idea of anything being taken out of context. It indeed leads to an outbreak of harangues, regardless of the



occasion; a typified declamation of certain facets of the habitually followed traditions or rituals, more for the routines that aren't akin or fail to synchronize with the generational adaptations or reforms - maybe as much something to rant about when crackers blow off our ear drums, bursting beyond the permissible decibels.

Now, a Positive Reckoning!

Time to Declutter Shelves & Share

But perhaps it's far more than just the usually followed practices. It comes from a revolutionary yet benevolent intent of sharing with the less fortunate, or if rightly put - 'less advantaged', and enriching happiness of either. Distinctly, it's about the idea of decluttering the shelves heaped with clothes, eatables, toys, books and a lot more, whilst sharing them with someone deprived of the very joy - reminiscing the age-old epithet of the "culture of giving" that pervades in our mind. By bringing the value into action and expressing it in our gestures. Thus there's the significant need of inclusiveness and to hoist up the virtue of compassion and the longstanding mores of sharing. The cusp is the 'change in the attitude' and being mindful of the larger strata of society that is less fortunate - and yet with absorbent sacredness of the fabled concept

of Diwali that was, professedly, architected myriad centuries ago, for the delight of the mankind. Rightly so, the idea is about being happy and happiest by sharing. The popular anecdotes from Ramayana, of Rama's moments of sharing bliss with Shabari, was an example of celestial pleasure.

Adoration of the Goddess of Wealth and the Dhanteras may usher due enchantment with prosperity and wealth; credibly, everything in abundance probably comes in stakes and portions to partake. Some of the institutions and organizations have realized it to the core.

Goonj, a NGO, involved in humanitarian aid and community development, converts the excessively available commodities during the festival into valuable resources to share, as they put it. There's a whole lot of food, toys, books, clothes, digital devices that are distributed to many less advantaged. They fructify the idea of decluttering and sharing, thus enriching lives, distributing gift-wrapped packages and joy along.

Obviously, the stories are endless, and there are exemplary contributors that earnestly believe in 'Sharing the Joy of Diwali' with the less advantaged. The digital sphere traverses us across, wiping the boundaries, erasing prejudices, instilling values with inspirational stories to live with.

It's a clearly depicting arithmetic of reaping contentment, when shared with the most deserved and deprived. It's, seemingly, looking through the widely open window at their life that deserves as much sharing of joy as anyone else. And the joy not only multiplies but also keeps all of us going and it, in turn, consistently etches memories for ages, and the bliss is infectious.

A subtle shift in the practice, retaining the sanctity and ecstasy, may yield as much satisfaction of having celebrated the most momentous festival in the 'truest' sense. There can't be more priceless, befitting, unforeseen divine reciprocity of pleasure, for having shared joy.

By Srinivasan Chari



Benefits of various schemes being taken to minority communities: Fadnavis

communities, Fadnavis stated. Fadnavis was speaking at one-day international seminar on the topic Sufism, Manavata aani Muslim Samudayache Rashtranirmitti Madhye Yogdan (Sufism, Humanity and Muslim Community's contribution in nation building) organised at Hotel Oriental Tayyabah in city. The Chief Minister further said, Sufi saints spread the message of humanity and love all over the world. They showed path to the world. "Sufi saints brought reforms in the lives many. We should take inspiration from the noble deeds of Sufi saints. Due to the message of Sufi saints, people of different thinking came together. The

foundation of peace was laid by this Sufi tradition only. This tradition needs to be taken forward. Personality of Aala Hazrat Imam Raza was multifaceted. He was treasure of knowledge. Aala Hazrat Imam Raza won hearts of people with his knowledge. Now, development of needy and deprives is need of the hour. Fruits of various schemes are being taken to the doors of minority communities. 17 hostels have been constructed for students of minority communities in the past four years. A fund of Rs 100 crore has been provided for scholarships. College fees of students of minority communities are being remitted by State Government.

BJP demands Rahul's apology for Tharoor's 'scorpion' analogy against PM Modi

leader and Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad told reporters here. He cautioned the Congress leadership that such "insults on Hindu Gods and Goddesses will not be tolerated by this country".

"Pura desh dekh raha hae, desh iska jawab dega (The entire country has seen what Congress leaders have been doing and the country will give a befitting reply)," said Mr Prasad. "These also reflect the utter frustration of Mr Rahul Gandhi and the Congress party," he said adding, "But my question is for Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi do you approve the manner Tharoor has spoken about throwing chappals on Shivlinga". "Please clarify before the country or tender apology," he said adding it was most unbecoming that a "chargesheeted Congress leader is making such comments on Hindu deities". Earlier in the day, BJP's Rajya Sabha MP Rakesh Sinha wondered whether Mr Tharoor has made the comment with the approval of Congress president Rahul Gandhi. "Tharoor should immediately tender an apology both to the Prime Minister and the RSS," he said. The Rajya Sabha MP said in public discourse there should be "decorum".

Team India is ready to handle pressure



Mumbai, The Indian women's team has tried out various permutations and combinations to handle different kinds of pressure in the tournament, team coach Ramesh Powar said here on Saturday. Speaking to the media at the pre-departure press conference, he said, "We tried to put them under pressure during power play and when chasing. The good thing is the youngsters – they

are fearless. I don't feel them succumbing under pressure." According to him, it was the inability to handle pressure that cost India dear in the July 23, 2017 final of the ICC Women's 50-over World Cup against hosts England where India lost their crucial wickets and collapsed to 219 all out when the target of 229 seemed easy at one point of time. The team India led by all rounder Harmanpreet

Kaur is ready to take part in next month's Women's World T20 in West Indies and will start their campaign against New Zealand at Guyana on November 9. India is placed in the group B where they will also face Pakistan, Ireland and Australia. Harmanpreet said that the team had prepared well and the team members will not repeat the mistakes of 2017.

We had our chances:

Aaron Finch

Dubai, Aaron Finch, Australia's white-ball skipper, rued the lack of partnerships with the bat after Pakistan completed a 3-0 sweep of the three-match Twenty20 International series with a 33-run victory here. The visitors had a decent series with the ball, restricting Pakistan to totals below 160 in every game, but their batting unit could not come together. Australia capitulated in the chase in all three matches. "I think we had a chance in all three games," said Finch after the third and final T20I on Sunday. "Throughout the series, we had a lack of partnerships. They are a very good fielding side. Every time you give them soft wickets, it is devastating. "Our bowlers did well. Restricting them under 150-160 in all the matches was a really good effort. Batting against spin is something we have to work on."



Barcelona thrashes Real Madrid 5-1



Suarez scores hat-trick

New Delhi, Spanish Football Club Barcelona thrashed its arch-rivals Real Madrid 5-1 on Sunday night in Clasico, which might lead to the end of coach Julen Lopetegui's spell in the Madrid.

Uruguayan star Luis Suarez scored a hat-trick (30', 75', 83').

Barcelona's Philippe Coutinho scored match's first goal in the 11th minute. Then, forward Suarez doubled Barcelona's lead by converting a penalty awarded after consultation with Video Assistant Referee (VAR).

Real Madrid looked good

initially in the second half, but failed to convert their chances. Brazilian Marcelo Vieira da Silva scored the only goal for Real Madrid in 50th minute.

Then, Barca hit back and ran riot in the final 15 minutes with two more goals from Suarez, while a header from substitute Arturo Vidal (87') took the Barca goal tally to five.

Madrid have lost their last three league games and are seven points behind Barca in the La Liga standings in ninth position.

The World saw EL Clasico without Messi or Cristiano Ronaldo in 11 years.

Khalin Joshi breaks victory barrier with a gallant 68 in final round of Panasonic Open India

New Delhi, Indian golfers maintained their stranglehold over the Asian Tour's Panasonic Open India trophy as Bengaluru lad Khalin Joshi broke the victory barrier at the Delhi Golf Club (DGC) on Sunday.

Joshi, who had been runner-up on the Asian Tour on two previous occasions, produced a gallant final round performance of four-under-68 at the US\$ 400,000 event to seal the title with a one-shot margin. His total of 17-under-271 was the joint lowest in the history of the tournament as he equaled Shiv Kapur's record from last year.

The 26-year-old Khalin, the overnight joint leader, also became the seventh Indian to win the tournament in a total of eight editions. Bangladesh's Md Siddikur Rahman, who was the overnight joint leader along with Joshi, finished runner-up at 16-under-272 as a result of his last round of 69.

India's Ajeetesh Sandhu came up with a fourth round of 70 to finish tied third at 14-under-274 along with Thailand's Suradit Yongcharoenchai (69). The two other exceptional performances by Indians this week came from Aman Raj and rookie Kshitij Naveed Kaul.



New Zealand call up uncapped Ajaz Patel for Pakistan T20Is

Wellington, Ajaz Patel, the Central Stags left-arm spinner, has been included in New Zealand's 14-member squad for Twenty20 International series against Pakistan in the United Arab Emirates. The 30-year-old, drafted into the Test squad previously, will head into the T20Is as New Zealand's second spin-bowling option after Ish Sodhi. "It's no secret that spin is crucial in this part of the world and with the wickets on the slower side, we've taken the option of a second spinner to bring our squad up to 14-players," said Gary Stead, the New Zealand Head Coach. Patel was a part of the recently-concluded T20I series between New Zealand A and Pakistan A, which took place at the ICC Academy in Dubai earlier this month. He picked up four wickets in the three games, including a three-wicket haul, an ICC report today said.